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## Seventeen Students Seek Labor Scholarships of Salinas CLC

The scholarships set up by the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas, for Salinas Union High School seniors to go to Hartnell College, have proven welcome, it is indicated in the fact that 17 students have applied to take the examinations for the scholarships in its first year.

## Twenty Salinas Apprentices Get Diplomas May 28

Names of the twenty apprentices in the Salinas area who will receive completion certificates and journeyman status at the sixth annual Apprenticeship Completion Ceremonies at Hotel Cominos, Friday night, May 28, were announced last week.

Harvey B. Baldwin, general chairman of the Salinas Valley General Apprenticeship Council, said that the program for the "graduation" is being completed now. Representatives of labor, management, schools and the state division of apprentice training will give short speeches at the dinner party.

Apprentices to get official completion certificates include:

**Automotive**—Victor Albarran.  
**Carpentry**—Charles Beasley, Arthur Bernard, Ignacio Cerna, David Garibay, Donald Imwalle, Alfred McPherson, James Newman, Lewis Reavis, Maurice A. Smith, Charles Townsend and Wayne White.  
**Electricity**—T. M. Bell Jr. and Nolan Martindale.  
**Plumbing and Steamfitting**—Ewald Bander, David R. King and C. E. Stolz.  
**Meat Cutting**—George Silvera.  
**Pressmen**—Conrad Oullette.  
**Welding**—Frank Ferreira.

## Permanente Pact Meet Set June 1

Representatives of unions signatory to the master contract with Permanente Metals Corp., covering plants in Moss Landing, Natividad and Los Altos, will meet with company officials at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, to start contract negotiations. The meeting will be in room 222 of Hotel DeAnza in San Jose.

The union group met at the San Jose Labor Temple last Friday to discuss plans for the negotiations. Roll call showed the following present:

E. B. Scott and Harold Mendez, Machinists; Lou Smith, Brick & Clay Workers; S. J. Heimer, C. M. Olson and H. B. Browning, Cement Workers; C. A. Rasmussen, Boiler-makers; F. O. Jorgensen, Carpenters; H. T. Gunderson, Electricians; Fred Hofmann and Al Winters, Teamsters; Herbert L. Gilmore, San Jose Laborers; Dan MacDonald, San Jose Plumbers; J. F. Mattos, Salinas Laborers; H. T. Rogge, Salinas Plumbers.

## Carpenters Wait Annual Election

Election of officers for the local carpenter unions will be held at the June meetings, officials said this week. Nominations will be opened at the first meeting in June with further nominations and the actual election at the second June meeting. New officers take office at the first July meeting.

Give your dollar as your share, Join LLPE and show you care.

Dial H. Miles, president of the labor council, is chairman of the Scholarship Committee. The examinations are being prepared by Janet Barber and John H. Lewis, and will be held shortly. Other members of the committee are Council Secy. A. J. Clark and former President R. A. Wood.

Presentation of the scholarship awards is scheduled as a part of the high school commencement program on June 10, Clark said.

The labor council, at its May 7 meeting, heard two speakers and several important actions were taken. Secretary Clerk reported, including:

Candidate F. H. Bolt, who is seeking election to the school board in Friday's election, was a brief speaker. He also has spoken to several local union meetings.

Ed Simcich, CIO field representative, was speaker on the Mexican nationals and the employment problem which has arisen recently. The council named a committee of Miles, Clark and John F. Mattos to study the problem and the CIO propositions.

Fred Moffett was given the council endorsement for supervisor. Governor Knight was urged to appoint candidate Jeffrey as superior judge until the election, the interim appointment necessitated by death of Judge Jorgensen recently.

Donation of \$10 was voted to the summer camp program of the Optimists, the program for underprivileged boys.

Suggested strike of Sugar Workers Union 20616 was discussed but no action was taken by the labor council inasmuch as negotiations for a contract are continuing.

## AGENTS MEET IN MONTEREY

Business representatives of unions in Monterey, with a visitor from Salinas, met for lunch last Thursday noon at Cerrito's, joining with Fred Farr, candidate for state assembly.

Farr spoke briefly on his candidacy and supporters of Tim O'Reilly for Congress also addressed the union officials.

Present were Lester A. Caveny, fish cannery workers; John Crivello, fishermen; Nels Pederson, labor council president; Tom Elide, Monterey carpenters; George Jenkins, laborers; James Dunn and Robert Armstrong, culinary and bartenders; Milton Isaksen, painters, and Harvey B. Baldwin, Salinas carpenters.

## CARP. COUNCIL MEETS IN S.C.

Delegates from the five unions which make up the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters gathered at Santa Cruz VFW Hall on Tuesday night of last week for the regular meeting of the council.

President Tom Elide said council business was varied, ranging from political discussion to contract matters.

After the business session, wives of Santa Cruz Carpenters served a chicken dinner at the hall.

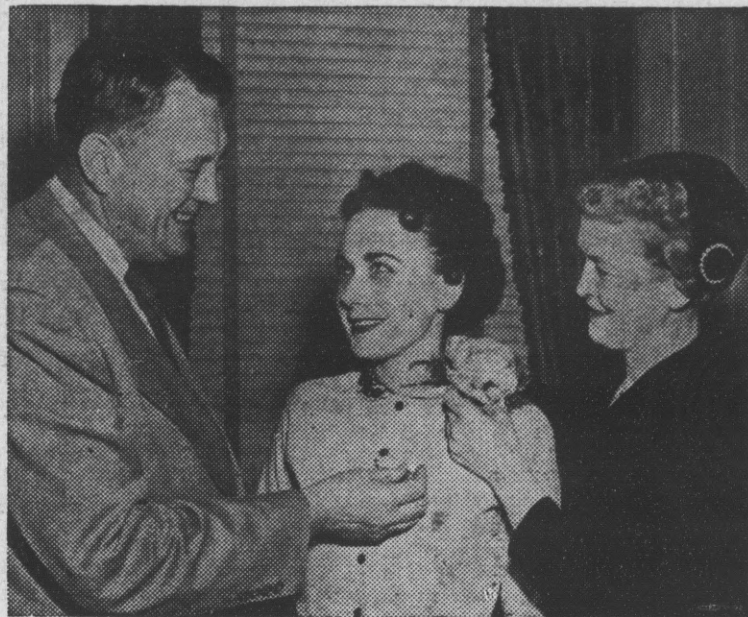
Next meeting of the council will be in Salinas, on Tuesday, June 8, with Carpenters Union 925 as host.

Hear Frank Edwards!

## Act on Jobs Now!

William F. Schnitzler, AFL secretary-treasurer, urged immediate Government action on the unemployment situation. He outlined a three-point program of action which could halt "the symptoms of a recession before they become chronic and really dangerous."

### Waitress Graduates



Laurel Stragier receives a graduation pin from Geo. E. Clarke, executive secretary of the Washington State Restaurant Assn., at recent ceremonies honoring some 300 waitresses who have completed a course in personalized dining service taught at Seattle's Edison Technical School. Beulah Compton, secretary of Waitresses' Union, Local 240, is shown pinning a corsage on Miss Stragier.—(Wash. State Labor News photo.)

## Mont. Plumbers Begin Election At May 28 Meet

Members of Plumbers Union 62 of Monterey will have a big meeting on Friday night, May 28, at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne Ave., at which time election of officers for the coming term will be started.

Nominations for the election will be accepted at the coming meeting with the actual balloting on officers scheduled for the June meeting, according to John Grisin, union business manager.

Other business at the meeting will include a discussion of new insurance benefits for dependents of union plumbers under the welfare plan. The benefits, effective June 1, provide death benefit covering wives and a moderate medical benefit for dependents.

Members of Local 62 are urged to contact Grisin in regard new insurance forms which must be filled out under the new insurance program.

## Culinary Pact Accord Reached

Agreement has been reached on the contract of Culinary-Bartenders Union 355 of Salinas on the industry contract in Salinas, according to Alfred J. Clark, union secretary.

The union has won a renewal of the basic contract, conditions of work for five years, but has agreed to ask no wage increase this year, Clark said.

In addition, the union has traded two overtime days of Salinas Rodeo Big Week, Thursday, and Sunday, for two additional paid holidays, Fourth of July and Labor Day, Clark pointed out.

### TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Money may not buy happiness, but if you have plenty of it you sure can make your own choice of a wide variety of unhappiness.

## TIM O'REILLY VISITS UNIONS

Endorsed by the Monterey and Salinas LLPE groups, Tim O'Reilly, Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, was to speak to labor union meetings in Salinas this week.

O'Reilly, an attorney and mayor of San Luis Obispo, is spending this week in the county to meet with various citizens and groups. He was scheduled to visit Carpenters Union 925 at Salinas on Tuesday night, and Laundry Workers Union 33 on Thursday night.

## Work Progresses On Carpenter Hall

Remodeling of the Salinas Carpenters Hall, headquarters of Carpenters Union 925, is showing good progress.

The entire front of the old building, built in the late 1930's, was ripped out and a larger front is being constructed, to provide a committee meeting room, new restrooms, and a larger office area for Business Agent Harvey B. Baldwin and Office Secretary Margaret Brown.

Workmen have erected the concrete block side walls of the new addition and are working on the interior now. No date for completion has been announced.

## Monterey Rites For Apprentices This Tuesday

Sixth annual Apprenticeship Completion Ceremonies on the Monterey Peninsula were to be held on Tuesday night of this week at the San Carlos Hotel. Journeyman trade certificates were to be presented to apprentices who have finished the prescribed training period.

John Grisin, of Plumbers Union 62, was speaker for labor on the program. Other speakers, representing management, schools and state authorities, were not named.

Schnitzler's statement was made on the regular AFL radio program carried on the Mutual Broadcasting System at the conclusion of a series of reports from the major unemployment trouble spots in the nation.

Text of the Schnitzler statement follows:

"During the past weeks you have heard on this program on-the-spot reports from impartial commentators about acute unemployment conditions that exist in a dozen different areas of the nation.

"Let me make it clear that these are the worst trouble spots. Conditions are not quite that bad. Yet the fact remains that unemployment throughout the nation today is abnormally high and there are no definite signs to indicate that it will disappear of its own volition.

### U.S. IS THE DOCTOR

"Let me emphasize another point. We, of the American Federation of Labor, are not 'prophets of doom and gloom.' We have the fullest confidence in the economic vitality of our country. We are convinced our economic system is organically sound. But we likewise believe that when the painful symptoms of unemployment begin to appear, like a rash of measles, it is time to call the doctor and get some remedial treatment.

"The doctor in this case is the Federal Government. Governors and mayors confess they are unable to cope with the slump in retail sales, the closing down of factories and the resulting unemployment that have adversely affected the people in their jurisdiction.

"We have called the 'doctor' repeatedly but to date we have not received a satisfactory response. The President promised emergency action in March if unemployment continued to get worse. It did get worse, but then he postponed action until some indefinite future date. He made it clear he believes the condition will clear up of itself.

"This we dispute. From our close association with the workers and the industries of this country, we hear repeated calls for help. The pulse of business activity is not picking up at this season as it normally should. The patient needs a tonic, and needs it NOW.

"We urge a course of treatment that is completely sound. Here it is:

"1. Tax reduction for people with low incomes, which will increase purchasing power, stimulate production, and begin to revive employment.

"2. Encouragement of a huge housing program to provide badly needed low-priced homes and create many new jobs in construction and in home furnishing industries.

"3. Federal aid for new school construction and other deserving public works which will end present social disgraces and at the same time provide more new jobs.

"This is a simple, unassailable program. If it is carried out promptly, the symptoms of a recession can be removed before they become chronic and really dangerous."

### FILMS FOR LABOR

A revised and enlarged edition of "Films for Labor," listing over 100 films and filmstrips on subjects of interest to labor unions, is now available through the AFL Workers Education Bureau.

For copies of "Films for Labor" write: Workers Education Bureau, 1625 Eye St. N.W., Washington 6, D. C.



# LABORERS 272

By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In order that all reports of interest to members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas be compiled under one heading and in one place in this paper, this column is being created. Johnny Mattos, union business agent, will make his reports to the membership through this column, and all laborers are urged to read all of Mattos' report each week.)

Local 272 would like to extend wishes for a very happy birthday to the following members. They don't look or act any older so far as we can see. Happy birthday to Guadalupe A. Cardona, Tom Carriga, Salvador J. Cerna, Henry Garcia, Jesse Lantron and Y. G. Lopez.

One of our good building laborers has taken a job out of the calling. Bro. Jesse Allen has taken a part attendant job at Point Lobos State Park. Jesse has been employed as a building laborer continuously since 1940. He is an early resident of the Alisal area and has raised a family of three. Mrs. Allen has been very ill but is recuperating nicely at this time. This will be a good vacation for them both—a nice five-room home to live in and a five-day work week, all year around.

Mother's Day was not too happy for Carmen Gonzales or his wife Mary. She had to go into Salinas Valley Hospital. Carmen says Mrs. G. is improving, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Bro. Mike Rosas, injured at Hartnell, is much improved.

Our last meeting, Monday, May 10, proved to be a political night for us. Various candidates put their best platforms forward. Two of our visitors certainly told the members what they would like to hear about future employment and about unemployment insurance, the "right to work" bill, and the Mexican nationals and their problem.

Bro. Jim Warbington is much improved. He was in the office to say hello to the gang last week.

Veterans now have a much better opportunity to buy new homes in our area than they have had in the past. In the unions, veterans are in the majority.

McGah & Cramer, Inc., contractors and developers, had a showing in Fairview Park No. 2 last week. Norman Trout, realtor, said many of the homes have been sold already.

Perma Construction Co. has had good reaction to the development in Pacific Park. The number of people looking at new homes proves that young people are more interested in home ownership now. Good idea—remember that it has been stated for years that "a man's home is his castle."

Erickson and Casesley are planning a home program in Hill Top Terrace in the very near future. These homes will be available to veterans also. The streets and sewers will be paid for and included in the price of the home.

There is a rumor that a group of houses will be built in Hollister. Contractors and developers are not known to us at this time. The houses are supposed to be built for people who will work in the plants planned for the Hollister Air Base. We hear that Hollister is getting industry at last—which means more employment and better conditions.

Permanent Metals Corp. negotiations will start soon. Members working in the Permanent plants should think about what they want most in a new contract, and let us know.

**MEMBERS:** Don't forget to talk up the sewer and drainage bonds for the City of Salinas. This will mean a lot of work. We need this work. We need industry. We need more homes. More work means more money in circulation, and more money means more people coming here, and more people means more homes. Industry will change things very much—and it will be a vital change for us.

Our late union president, Randolph Fenchel, called our attention to the need of industry long ago. He said we could not have industry without the expansion of

our present sewerage and drainage systems. He also said the industrial development committee was placing the cart before the horse.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Next meeting is in Soledad, Monday night, May 24th.

A new project due to start soon is the stabilization of the old science wing at Salinas Union High School at a cost of \$47,717. Low bid was by contractor F. V. Hampshire, who was awarded the contract.

Bids have been called for the construction of shower and locker rooms at Washington Junior High School, the bids to be opened on June 8.

Bids are to be called also for construction of another overpass, this one to connect Bardin Ave. with the air base. It is hoped that the contract will be awarded within 30 days and work can be started. This overpass was not included in the present freeway construction contract.

Members called on by their former employers and asked to return to their jobs are requested to **NOTIFY THE OFFICE.** It is important that the office know where the members are working.

Four business representatives of local unions went to the Soledad Medium Security Prison last week to procure passes to visit the construction job of F. V. Hampshire there. Two of our union laborers were found inside, looking out. They are Bros. Tom Kellar and Reuben Sanchez. Don't think what you are thinking, though—they don't need visitors, they are working there!

## SEN. SPARKMAN IN BIG VICTORY

(AFL Release)

Montgomery, Ala.—Labor and other liberal forces won a resounding victory as Senator John Sparkman was renominated in the Democratic primary elections by a large majority over Rep. Laurie Battle, who was backed by Big Business groups both within and outside the state.

Sparkman's triumph—which is equivalent to election in predominantly Democratic Alabama—was so big that no run-off election will be required although three other candidates were in the race. He received more than 252,000 votes to about 218,000 for Battle, 12,000 for former Admiral John Crommelin and 2,000 for William Irby.

Sparkman was supported actively and strongly by Alabama's Labor League for Political Education and its affiliated units. His election proved that trade union support in the South does not necessarily mean the "kiss of death" to candidates backed by labor.

Battle's supporters spent lavishly in his behalf in trying to convince Alabamians that Sparkman, the 1952 Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, was too liberal. Battle's Congressional record has been almost uniformly anti-labor.

The political and personal issues, combined with a reduction in poll tax, produced a record vote, even exceeding the turnout for the 1952 Presidential election.

### TRUST YOUR RECAPPER

If you want to have a tire recapped, be sure to consult a reputable tire man, and take his judgment as to whether the tire is suitable for recapping. Tires which are already worn through to the fabric or have been injured, should never be recapped.

A political war is one in which everybody shoots from the lip.

## Where's All the Work? Great Falls Wonders

The following letter has been received by the California Building Trades Councils from its counterpart in Great Falls, Montana:

TO ALL BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCILS

Greetings:

At our regular meeting held April 15th, 1954, the matter of so much propaganda being advertised in the Great Falls papers as to the large amount of work being done or to be done in this area was a very hot issue on the floor, and the Building Crafts are wondering where all this work is at, because at the present time there are approximately 450 to 500 members of Organized Crafts who are out of work and have been for some time.

The projects advertised in the papers are either in the making; bids have just been opened and it takes from 30 to 60 days for approval; some are already completed, and some are duplicates.

Therefore, unless something unforeseen happens, Great Falls is now in a status quo position and will be for at least six weeks or two months. After that time if everything goes that is contemplated we may be able to use some men.

In view of the above we hope you will give this matter as much publicity as possible and discourage workers from coming here at least for six weeks or more. It works a hardship on them when they can't get work when they get here.

Fraternally yours,  
Great Falls Building  
Trades Council  
E. R. BRITTEN  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Soviet Standard Of Living Still Below 1928 Level

(State Fed. Release)

To purchase a pound of beef, the average American worker must work for 24 minutes, the Russian worker 117 minutes.

It takes the Moscow worker 28 times as much work to buy sugar, six times as much to buy milk, more than six times as many minutes for eggs, 10 to 20 times as many minutes for a suit of clothes, twice as long to buy bread.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, studying the cost of living in the U.S.S.R. and the U.S., made the comparative announcements, which were broadcast for May Day listening by the Voice of America.

"The high point in the Soviet level of living was in 1928, when a degree of private capitalism prevailed under what was then called the New Economic Policy, and when the peasants had not yet been forced into collective farms," said the BLS.

The average Soviet worker now has to work about 53 per cent longer to buy a pound of bread, 43 per cent longer to buy a pound of beef, and 244 per cent longer to buy a quart of milk than he did in 1928, it was said.

The figures have added significance since the Malenkov Government, aware of growing discontent, has been trying to increase the flow of consumer goods.

One step was the April 1953 price cuts, which were taken into consideration. Even so, a package of seven essential foods costs about seven times as much in Moscow as in New York.

The 1954 price cut, compared with previous cuts, will bring about the smallest savings to consumers, the Bureau pointed out. For example, the savings which would result to consumers, according to Soviet claims, will be less than half those claimed for last year's price cut. (20 billion rubles this year, as against 53 billion last year).

There's a new union of dollars in Washington. How's your union, brother?

## 8 POSTAL GROUPS URGE CONGRESS TO RAISE PAY

Eight organizations whose membership contains the overwhelming majority of the nation's post office workers united in a call on Congress to reject Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield's postal job reclassification plan.

Urging immediate enactment of a postal wage increase and the establishment of a special committee to study postal job reclassification, the organizations warned that the Postmaster General's plan would "utterly destroy morale and reduce incentives in the field postal services."

"Almost without exception," they said, "the postal employees of the United States have expressed opposition to the proposals for salary reclassification, recommended by Postmaster General Summerfield. This opposition is based on the destruction of present standards that would result from enactment of that proposal."

The statement was made in a

### MAYAN CULTURE

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FRANK E. WEIBE, Chairman.



# Monterey County Election, June 8th

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## U.S.-Mexican Unit Asks Voice on Migrant Labor

Nuevo Laredo, Mex.—The Joint U. S. Mexican Trade Union Committee meeting here on the U.S.-Mexican border is preparing a strong statement demanding recognition of both American and Mexican unions on a consultative basis to the bi-lateral commission on migrant labor.

Failure of the U.S. Government to consider the American unions in determining the need of Mexican migrant labor, in fixing the wages and working conditions, and in any other detail was denounced by H. L. Mitchell, president of the National Agricultural Workers Union.

Prevailing wages sent by factory farm managers for Mexican nationals working in the U.S. are lowering U.S. wage levels, Serafino Romualdi, AFL representative for Latin America, declared.

Romualdi said that so-called "enforcement" contracts are a snare and a delusion. He also said that the so-called Wetback measure passed by Congress and signed by the President represented unprecedented diplomatic pressure on Mexico.

The AFL representative presented the report of the U.S. delegation, consisting of seven AFL, seven CIO, one Mine Workers and one Railroad Brotherhood member. Frank Noakes, of the Brotherhood, replied to the addresses of welcome.

## Films for Labor Available

A new and enlarged edition of "Films for Labor" is now available through the AFL Department of Education.

The booklet lists over 100 films and filmstrips on subjects of interest to labor unions. It includes information on the bureau's "Film-a-Month" plan, a description of posters available to advertise film showings, and hints on projection and equipment.

Address the AFL department of Education, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

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## Scandal-Free

In the uproar over scandals in the Federal Housing Administration, the public should not lose sight of the fact that the agency which supervises the low-cost housing and slum clearance program has been administered effectively and decently. That agency is the Public Housing Administration.

The PHA has authorized hundreds of millions of dollars worth of building developments throughout the country without fraud or other knavery.

The general counsel of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, the parent federal housing bureau, testified before the Senate Banking Committee that in the entire low-cost housing and slum clearance program there have been only two cases that required investigation. And only one of them involved possible criminal irregularities. The counsel, B. T. Fitzpatrick, said the public housing program is in fine shape.

It is in fine shape from an administrative viewpoint, but the Senate and House may mangle it beyond salvaging if they don't give it funds for providing homes for persons who must move out of slum areas. And enemies of public housing may try to throw dust in the eyes of the American people by deliberately confusing the mess in FHA with the well-run PHA.

## GOP on TV

Alarmed GOP leaders are exerting heavy pressure for the abrupt cessation or curtailment of the McCarthy-Army televised public hearings.

This is understandable. The spectacle has been completely unedifying. But it also has been highly educational.

We believe the public has learned a great deal from the hearings about Sen. Joseph McCarthy's "methods."

We believe that the public also has learned from Secretary of the Army Stevens' own lips an inkling of the cowardly extent to which the Administration—in the past, at least—has gone to appease McCarthy.

## Geneva

The mess in Washington is now reflected in the tremendous blow to American prestige suffered at Geneva.

The New York Times reports that Secretary of State Dulles "faces heavy criticism" on the collapse of our Far-East policy.

It seems to us that Dulles is the victim rather than the culprit in this case. The ground was cut out from under him. First, Vice President Nixon sent up a top-heavy trial balloon when he indicated to a conference of editors that it might be necessary to send American troops to Indo-China to halt Communist aggression.

When this statement leaked out, isolationist Republicans in the Senate started a war-dance. Their protests became so furious that a move was even started to prevent the President from committing any American troops abroad without the express consent of Congress.

The Administration fled from this attack in full and inglorious retreat. Nixon hurried to make three or four new speeches retracting his first one. Dulles was forced to take the position that the United States might abandon the Indo-Chinese conflict entirely, instead of sending troops to the scene of battle.

The big question right now is just what America's policy in Asia really is. The public and our allies are entitled to know.



HARVEY BALDWIN  
Bus. Agt. Salinas Carpenters  
Union 925

Joe DiMaggio was one of the great baseball players of all time. In 1941 he broke all major league records by hitting safely in 56 straight games. Alas, the career of a baseball player is glorious but brief. In 1951 Joe DiMaggio retired from the game at the grand old age of 36.

Harold Slocum is a baseball fan and he knows how long baseball players last in the major leagues, but he also knows that the skill built up over a 40-year career as master mechanic does not fade so rapidly. The keen eye and hand, the judgment necessary in precision work; these things continue to make a man a valuable asset to society even at the older ages.

When the company retired Harold, he didn't worry too much about continuing to work. He's a thorough man and he had prepared for his retirement thoroughly, banking on his insurance, his company pension plan, and Social Security benefits to give him sufficient income. But the best laid plans often go astray. Several years after his retirement, his wife Martha became ill. The doctor advised a warmer climate and plenty of medicine, and Harold found that what formerly had been a comfortable income was now insufficient. So Harold Slocum, age 73, decided to look for a job. Some of Harold's cronies, hearing about this, tried to tell him it would be a waste of time because "no matter how much you make they just take it off your Social Security, anyhow." But Harold isn't the kind of fellow who listens to hearsay. He decided to go to his local Social Security office and find out the bad news for himself.

He was pleasantly surprised. He found that he could earn as much as \$75 a month and still collect his full benefit. Also during the busy season he could work full time, giving up his checks for the few months he might be working, and then collecting again the first month he earned less than \$75, regardless of the amounts earned in previous months. He also found out that two years from now, when he becomes 75, he can make as much as he wishes and still collect his full benefit. Harold was also surprised to hear that his insurance annuity and his company pension are not included in determining the \$75 monthly amount.

Harold is working now at a part-time job and the supplementary income he makes, within the limitations described above, is sufficient for himself and his wife. Also, he is busy telling his pals how wrong they were about Social Security. He likes that.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYPres 2-2480.



## BARBARA BELL PATTERN

No. 8079

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## Fed. Scholarship Exem Is May 21

(State Fed. Release)

Some 400 seniors in the high schools of California and Hawaii will take the 4th annual state AFL scholarship examination on Friday, May 21.

Examinations will be conducted by school authorities wherever applicants have filed.

All examination questions, blue books, and necessary instructions were mailed this week to school principals by the California State Federation of Labor.

The top three students in the annual competition will receive \$500 each to be applied in any college or university of their choice.

Purpose of the examination is to test both the candidate's understanding of the labor movement and the ability to present information.

Winners of the 1954 contest will be brought to the annual State Federation convention in Santa Barbara for presentation of awards.

Society is composed of two great classes: those who have more dinners than appetite and those who have more appetite than dinners. —Chamfort.

## Jokes, Etc.

"Who gave the bride away?" asked Hokey.  
"I could have," replied his friend, "but I kept my mouth shut."

A flea and a fly in a flue  
Were imprisoned, so what could they do?  
Said the fly, "Let us flee!"  
"Let us fly," said the flea,  
And they flew through a flaw in the flue.

"Time is said to be the great healer. It may be that, but it certainly is no beauty specialist."

Friendship, business, democracy, and hash have a common dependency on a man's faith in his fellow men.

Between her husband and the furnace, shiftless Ti Tolliver's wife has quite a time. While she's watching one, the other goes out.

I see where for every man 85 years of age there are seven women. But by that time it's too late.

A committee is a group of men who waste hours and keep minutes.

The little boy was crying bitterly because the big friendly dog had bounded up to him and licked his hand. His frantic mother called out the window.

"What is it... did he bite you?"  
"No," came the cry. "But he tasted me."

Let a country have good mothers and she will have good sons. —Napoleon.

## COME IN HANDY

After Sunday morning service a woman stayed to chat with a friend, leaving her purse on the seat.

When she returned for her purse it was gone, but she quickly found it in the possession of the clergyman himself.

"I thought I had better hold it," he said. "You must remember that there are some in the congregation so simple that they might consider it an answer to a prayer."

A few months prior to the arrival of an addition to the family the child was asked, "How would you like a little brother or sister to play with?"

Came this reply: "Well, if it won't put you to too much trouble I'd rather have a pony."

Even if Adam didn't have a funny bone he probably had lots of fun with a spare rib.

The cooing usually stops when the honeymoon is over but the billing goes on forever.

A Midwestern magistrate was hearing a case which involved a collision where both drivers had been "under the influence" when the mishap occurred.

Said the judge: "I wish to commend you two drinking drivers for running into each other instead of some innocent person. If this sort of thing can be encouraged, I think we may have hit upon the solution of a serious problem."

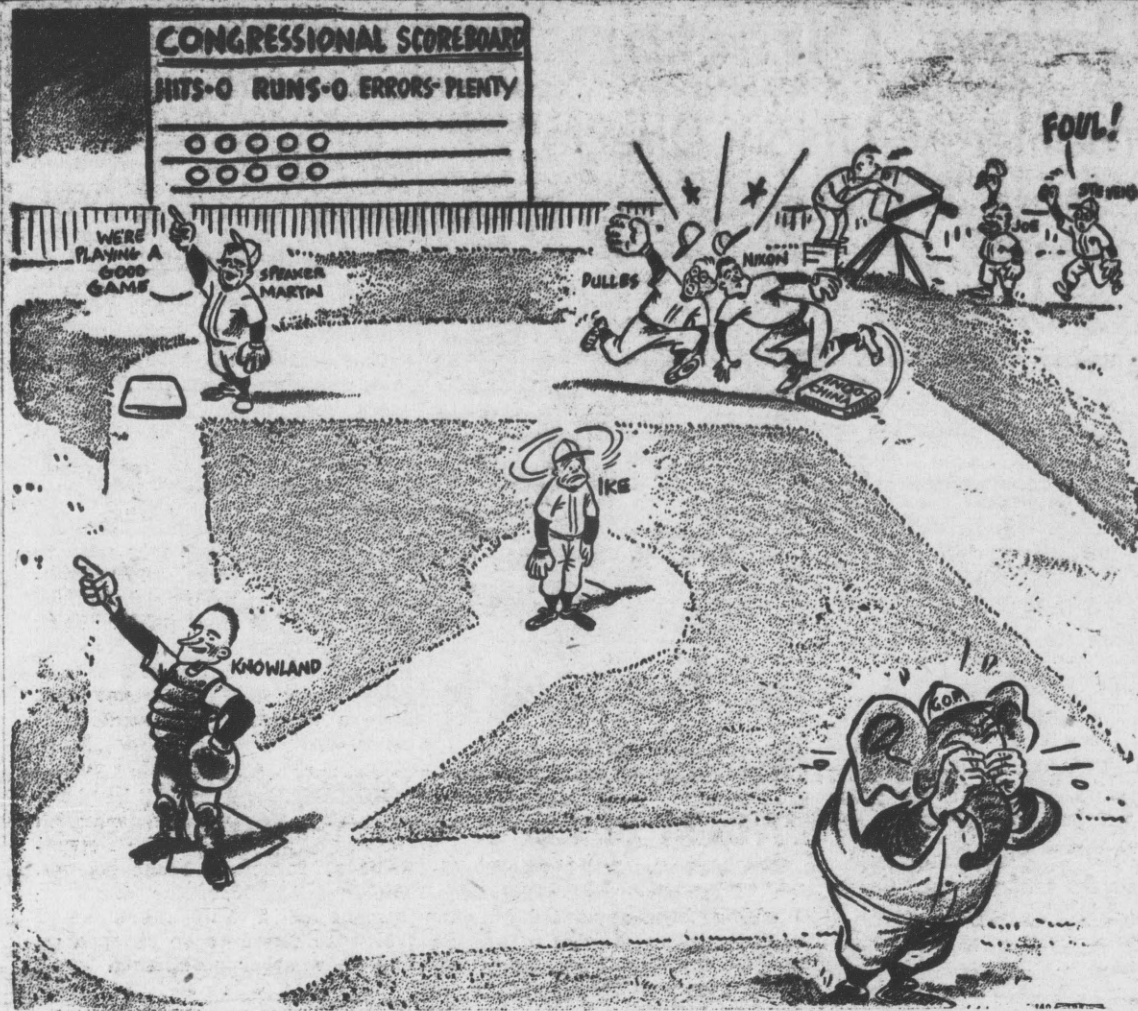
Movie stars always dye, they never fade away.

## "UNION MAID" —A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings





## SEASONAL JOB GAIN IS SMALL

Washington.—Unemployment declined 260,000 last month, but the number of jobless—3,465,000—remained the second highest figure for the month since the beginning of World War II. A joint Commerce-Labor Department survey announced the first monthly decline in unemployment since last fall. It also said that employment had increased 500,000.

## Administration Abandons Attempts to Change T-H

Washington.—The Eisenhower Administration, after suffering a major setback in efforts to push through Eisenhower Taft-Hartley Law amendments, decided against further attempts to revive the effort at this session of Congress.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.), following the regular weekly meeting of Congressional leaders with President Eisenhower, said that the President was "disappointed, of course" by the Senate setback, but the decision was made to go ahead with attempts to enact other items in the Administration program.

No other course, he said, was possible in view of the solid Democratic vote to send the proposed amendments back to committee. The vote was 50 to 42.

Democrats were influenced in their action by the character of the Eisenhower amendments and also by the way these amendments were railroaded through the Labor Committee, chaired by Senator Alexander Smith (R., N.J.). Democrats were not permitted to offer any other amendments. The southern Democrats were also influenced by the likelihood that they would face a fight over fair employment practices if the bill were not recommitted.

Senator Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.) and three Republican Senators, William Langer and Milton Young of North Dakota, and George Malone of Nevada, also voted to recommit.

AFL President George Meany said, "The Senate vote to recommit proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act is a blow to those who sought to wipe out federal protection of labor's basic rights by abdicating jurisdiction to the 48 states.

"It appears unlikely now that any legislation to correct the manifest evils of the Taft-Hartley Act will be adopted at this session of Congress.

"From labor's point of view, recommitment of the Smith Bill was far preferable to its adoption. The Smith Bill did not carry out President Eisenhower's campaign pledge to secure amendment of the Taft-Hartley Act to make it fair to the nation's workers.

"The American Federation of Labor intends to continue its efforts to obtain enactment of a

fair and just law governing labor-management relations, either in this Congress or the next."

## SALINAS RODEO SEES GREATEST SHOW IN 1954

Mail order tickets for the Salinas California Rodeo went on sale here with every indication that this year's show, July 15 to 18, will be the greatest in the 43-year history of the event.

Under direction of Dr. E. J. Leach, serving his first term as president of the Rodeo Association, format of the show has been revamped to present new faces and features in a strictly authentic Western setting.

In the arena Bobbie and Gene Clark, Bakersfield, will make their first appearance at Salinas as bullfighters, as the nation's top cowboys compete for the world's richest purses for any four performance event, in saddle and bareback bronc riding, calf roping and team roping, steer wrestling, bull riding and wild horse racing.

New events on the track will include cutting horse contests, never before seen at Salinas. They will be presented under simulated range conditions with "Wild" Bill Elliott, Western movie star and cutting horse enthusiast, as one of the judges.

Colorful cowboy and cowgirl races will be revived for the first time since World War II and chuck wagon races, introduced for the first time at Salinas last year, will be back again on an international competitive basis with a purse of \$3000.

Miami (ILNS)—What the women want is certain to be known from now on in the Machinists' League for Political Education in Florida. It adopted by-laws providing that one of five vice presidents shall be elected from the girls affiliated

The number of unemployed was two million higher than in April 1953, when the Government estimated the number of jobless at 1,582,000.

Employment, observers pointed out, usually picks up at this time of the year, and unemployment decreases. The change is due to seasonal factors usually operating before April.

The postwar record for April unemployment, 3,515,000, was set in 1950. At that time the U.S. was pulling out of a recession.

From 1941 to 1953 the number of unemployed decreased every year, except in 1947, when the rise was 90,000.

The employed total for April, reported by the Census Bureau, was 60.6 million. This was 600,000 less than April of last year.

The pickup in employment was attributed largely to a seasonal increase in the number of people employed on farms.

Outside of agriculture, the number of jobs increased 125,000 from March to April, to a total of 47 1/2 million. This phase of the survey showed that seasonal gains in trade, construction and service industries outweighed a further drop in factory employment. The decline in manufacturing jobs began last summer and has continued each month since.

While the number of unemployed declined and employment gained in April, the picture given by the Commerce-Labor survey did not appear as optimistic as recent statements of Eisenhower Administration officials that the country's economy has turned the corner from a downturn that began last year.

Economically speaking, things almost always pick up in the spring as the weather—particularly for outdoor industry—improves. But the gain this time was lower than that which normally takes place in April.

It was noted that the lateness of Easter this year made the employment figures seem more optimistic than they actually were. The Government survey was made in the earlier part of the month and caught the full upswing of employment in stores and retail trade in general. Normally the increase in the number of jobs due to Easter trade is reflected earlier.

Also, the survey showed that the average work week of the employed persons had declined by nearly two hours over the past year, to about 39 hours a week. In April about 700,000 fewer persons than a month earlier put in a work week of 35 hours or more.

# Few Jobs, Low Pay for Young Folk

Job opportunities for young Americans will be fewer and will hold less promise for the future this year than in any recent years, a Labor Department Job Guide reveals.

A high school student entering the labor market will "more than likely have to compete with his classmates in seeking a job," Labor Secretary Mitchell warns.

A New York state employment service counsel warns that the "rise in unemployment makes employers more demanding" and younger workers are going to have to accept lower wage scales if they want jobs.

According to the guide, teenagers will find opportunities in clerical and sales occupations among the more promising. Such jobs as bookkeeper, general clerk, grocery checker, and receptionist are occupations listed in the clerical and sales field which promise good employment prospects.

### SERVICE OCCUPATIONS GOOD

Additional clerical and sales occupations in which opportunities are favorable for young entrants include stenographer, service station attendant, and telephone operator.

Service occupations are cited as a field for beginners in which employment prospects are also generally good. Most communities offer job chances for young beginners in drug stores as fountain clerks, in hospitals as nurse aide and orderly, and on parking lots as attendants.

The guide says beginners in professional and technical occupations will find keen competition in such occupations as art worker.

The occupation of draftsman is cited as an expanding occupational field in which there are good employment prospects for young people with training in mechanical drawing and required aptitudes.

Construction is listed as a field which offers good prospects for young men seeking outdoor work in such occupations as helper to bricklayer, carpenter, electrician, plasterer, plumber and pipefitter, and roofer.

The jobs of auto mechanic and auto body repairman helper offer reasonably good chances for beginners, but farm equipment helper beginners are likely to find competition, according to the guide.

### TV SERVICE FIELD OPEN

Radio serviceman jobs are said to be scarce, but television serviceman helper jobs are listed as being better because of rapid expansion of television stations in numerous cities. Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic helper jobs are listed as expanding but with limited opportunities for beginners.

Beginners are advised that employment prospects in production jobs such as assembler will vary with business and industry condition in which the jobs are found. Young women who want assembler's jobs are likely to find the

best chances in light industries while men will find more opportunities in heavy industries, like auto, farm equipment, and industrial machinery. Long-run opportunities in such jobs as machine shop helper and sheet metal worker are appraised as good, but entry workers can expect to find competition for job openings.

Young men and women who are seeking beginner jobs such as material handlers will find many jobs available in light industry, including that of floor boy or floor girl. Jobs as merchandise handlers, makers, and packers will be slightly more difficult to find but opportunities are listed as "still good" because many people are constantly leaving these occupations.

### SKILLED TRADES LIMITED

The guide points out that employment prospects are generally limited for beginners as apprentices in the skilled trades, including auto mechanic, carpenter, electrician, lineman, machinist, pattern-maker, plumber and pipefitter and sheet metal worker.

In addition to appraising the employment prospects in the 74 occupations considered as representative of those employing larger numbers of beginners, the guide indicates the qualifications needed for specific jobs, the duties, opportunities for advancement, and how and where the jobs are found.

The guide advises young job seekers that it will be to their advantage to "take stock of themselves and of the job situation and seek information about the different types of occupations," in their home communities. Lists in determining what field to enter can be obtained through the public employment offices, the newspapers, school counselors, publications of the Labor Department, and the occupational handbooks of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

### Has 'Leveled Off'

Washington—Secretary of Labor James Mitchell said unemployment has "leveled off" and that there will be a business upturn before the end of the year—but refused to forecast how long before the end of the year the upturn might occur. He made clear at a press conference that he is counting upon such a rise to increase jobs.

Mitchell said "the general health of the economy" was the main factor that made him look for greater employment.

Support your stewards!

## LIFE OF A B.A.—NOT ALWAYS BEEFS, SOMETIMES LAUGHS

In a quiet moment in their busy routine, a number of building trades union officials were standing around the cigar stand at the Labor Temple the other day swapping stories about their varied experiences as business agents, and Bus. Rep. Rolland Young of the Painters District Council told this one:

It was on a Saturday quite a few years ago that Young was passing through the Richmond district and saw a painting job going on.

He buzzed the painter, found that he was a union member then asked to see his permit from the union to work on Saturday.

The permit? Oh, yes, he'd left it home in his other pants.

But you're supposed to post it on the job where you're working, Young persisted.

"You don't have to worry," the painter said soothingly, "I got this permit specially from the District Council."

"Who issued the permit?"

"I got it from a guy named Young."

"Do you know this guy named Young?"

"Sure," said the painter, whom he'd never seen before, "him and me are buddies—just like that!"

It was worth a million, Young recalls, to see the startled look on the man's face when he identified himself at this point as "the guy named Young."



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**CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR**—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. and Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUTter 1-2838. District Vice President, Thomas A. Small, office 114 B St., San Mateo, ph. Diamond 4-7609.

**CARPENTERS 925**—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. L. Martin, 1420 Del Monte, phone 7841; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec. A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

**CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)**—Meets 1st and 3rd Friday, Carpenters Hall, K.C. Sec. and B.A., Jack Swart, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

**CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Beulah Wenzinger, 55 Katherine Ave., phone 2-0761; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Velma Holcomb, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Jean Pilliar, 123 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902. Office, 244 Lang St., phone 8517.

**CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL**—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Elide, Box 16, Marina, phone 5-7242; Vice-Pres., O. A. Miller, phone Salinas 9293; Sec.-Treas., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-0335.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)**, Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Dial H. Miles; Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark. Office in Glickburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., Room 18, phone 7787.

**DRY CLEANERS 33**—Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Pres., Dempsey McPherson; Sec., Claudia Staten; Bus. Agt., Lola Chanter, Office, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243**—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

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**LABORERS 272**—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777; Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empie, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, phone 6777.

**LATHERS 122**—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. McKrone, Box 514, Freedom; Sec. and B.A., Dean Siefeldt, 1533 First Av., Salinas, phone 5418.

**LAUNDRY WORKERS 33**—Meets 3rd Thursday, 5:15 p.m., Labor Temple, Pres., Hazel Skewes; Sec., Grace MacRossie; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

**MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824**—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell, 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Carl Choate, Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

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**PAINTERS 1104**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 400 Natividad St., phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130 1/2 Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln, Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

**PLASTERERS 763**—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray I. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565.

**PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503**—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John S. McCall; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

**POSTAL CARRIERS 1046**—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

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**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alson, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opier, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

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**PAINTERS 272**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. Isackson, office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

**PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337**—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Radley; Sec. and Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

**PLUMBERS STEAMFITTERS 62**—Meets 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Bernie Warrington, 1352 Military Ave., Seaside; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hazzdova, P.O. Box 11, Carmel; Sec.-Bus. Agt., John Grisin, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-7580.

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**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alson, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opier, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone, Monterey 5-6744.

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**TEACHERS 1020**—Meets 3rd Monday, Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, Salinas, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

**GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890**—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres. John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel, Salinas; Sec.-Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen L. Wilkerson, Main office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743; Monterey office 778 Hawthorne St., phone 2-0124.

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## TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS  
LOCAL 1020 MONTEREY COUNTY

### TEACHERS AND POLITICS

Teachers are concerned with imparting to the younger generation an understanding of their social heritage and an ability to fit into society, also some inspiration toward working for improvement of society.

This being the teacher's function, it would seem that as a class they would play an important part in adult affairs outside the classroom, instead of restricting their attention to the child world. Such is not the case. Leaders of society have been, at one time or another: the military, priesthood, nobility, lawyers, landed proprietors, business men, but few teachers. How many American presidents have been teachers? There were Garfield and Woodrow Wilson. If there were any others the fact is not well known.

How many of the 120 members of the present California Legislature are listed as teachers? Only one—Carley V. Porter, of Compton, is listed as "teacher and businessman." How many members of the Salinas City Council or Monterey County officials are teachers? So far as the writer knows, the answer is not one. This situation is typical over the western world; the writer does not know whether or not it also is true of Russia and China.

There is one important exception. That is in Japan, where nearly all the teachers have united into the great Japan Teachers Union. The Japanese organization is so strong that a year ago attempts were made in the Japanese Parliament to restrict teachers' political activity. These efforts were defeated then but are being renewed.

A common feature of teachers' unions everywhere is that they favor teachers entering politics and leading normal lives. We believe that our years of college training and our book learning should be of some benefit to society besides teaching skills, manners, morals, and habits to the young.

The American tradition has been for teachers to be mousey meek and retiring, not playing any significant part in the world outside the classroom. Wherever teachers' unions are organized, they act as a strong influence to get teachers to assume whatever responsibilities they are capable of in the adult world.

In Salinas and Monterey the teacher union influence can be observed. Before organization of teacher unions here it was considered not only inappropriate but personally dangerous for teachers

to take part in school board election campaigns. The conservative teacher organizations, at one time confined largely to administering annual dues of a few cents as a flower and gift fund, are gradually emerging from their long-time complacency.

As a result of the organization of AFT Local 1020 in 1948, teachers have exerted a strong influence in Salinas school board elections and the result has been of benefit to the entire community, reflected in the high type of public spirited people serving on our boards.

We note that one of the candidates for the State Legislature, in recognition of the growing political power of teachers in Monterey County, has in his paid political advertisements promised to be guided in his educational thinking by the advice of the conservative teacher organization.

In Monterey, candidates for the Monterey elementary and high school trustee vacancies on the two boards were invited to speak at the regular meeting of the Monterey City Teachers Association on May 12. Here is real democracy in action, with the voters being given an opportunity to find out who and what they were to vote for.

## One-Day Strike Wins Settlement For Tile Helpers

Part of the Tile Laying industry in Northern California skidded past a Monday, May 10, deadline set by Tile Helpers Local 7 and got itself tied up for one day. But agreement was reached that afternoon, on the same general terms already accepted by the rest of the industry.

Bus. Rep. Harold Lanthier said agreement was finally reached with the Tile Contractors Association of Northern California, a trade association with some 22 shops, with the assistance of Building Trades Council officials who sat in on the negotiations on Saturday and again on Monday.

Lanthier expressed his union's appreciation to the Council officials—Pres. John Hogg, Vice Pres. Roland Young, Sec. Treas. Dan Del Carlo and Bus. Rep. Al Mailloux—and to federal conciliator Andrew Gallagher, who aided the settlement.

Gains in the two-year contract were:

10 cent hour wage raise, retroactive to April 1.

10 cent hourly premium now (15 cents after July 1) for working with teale or similar caulking materials.

1 cent boost in car mileage to 7 cents per mile.

The same terms already had been agreed on with the Peninsula Tile Contractors Assn., the other major industry group, and with the independent operators.

## Glove Firm Signs Union Label Pact

Metropolis, Ill.—The International Glove Workers signed a union label agreement with the Good Luck Glove Co. The company thus became the first large producer of quality leather palm and full leather work gloves in a decade to bear the union label, which is a symbol of collective bargaining and is the emblem of distinction on any product made by trade unionists.

Take part in union affairs. Your union is as democratic as you make it.

Identify your local union—Wear your union button.

## Surplus Butter To Be Offered For Sale Abroad

Washington.—The Agriculture Department announced it will start immediately to offer its surplus butter abroad at world market prices.

In a major policy shift, the department said it was adding its 360-million-pound mountain of butter to the list of Government-owned commodities made available for sale to commercial exporters during May.

Until now, the Government has offered butter for export only at the same price it was willing to sell domestically—currently at 60½ cents a pound. Since this price is well above the world market price, the Government hasn't been able to unload any of its surplus to foreign customers. The policy behind this was to keep other nations from getting Uncle Sam's surplus butter cheaper than the American housewife. The retail price she pays is 63 cents or more a pound.

Butter prices in the world's chief butter-shipping countries—Australia, Denmark and Netherlands—range from 42 to 46 cents a pound.

## Danger Lurks in Making 'U' Turns

Do you believe that "U" turns are permissible any time? Captain W. W. Vernon, commanding officer of the Traffic Division, Oakland Police Department, calls attention to the fact that in Oakland during the month, 1954, 158 accidents were investigated involving improper turning movements.

He further states that a "U" turn should be made from the lane nearest the center of the roadway, if possible. However, if due to the width of the street the turn cannot be accomplished in this manner and the driver must make a wide arc to complete the "U" turn, the responsibility of the turning movement rests on him.

A good driver bears this thought in mind. If his car conflicts with traffic, or becomes involved in an accident, in most cases he is the one at fault.

The California Vehicle Code stipulates that in a business district a "U" turn can only be made at an intersection, never in the middle of the block. In a residential district, however, a "U" turn may be made mid-block, provided there are no cars approaching in either direction within 200 feet. But on a curve, or the approach to one, or near the crest of a grade where approaching vehicles cannot be seen for 200 feet, the "U" turn cannot be legally made.

Remember! At best, a "U" turn is hazardous. Therefore, exercise good judgment in making this maneuver.

Brown had been introduced to a man who stuttered. "Did you ever attend a school for stammering?" "No," replied the other; "I just pi-pi-picked it up."

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## Making Ends Meet

## Canned Vegetables Being Offered at Reduced Prices

By NANCY PRATT

Housewives looking for good buys for the larder may want to take advantage of some of the reduced prices on canned vegetable goods available now. Best values are in standard items such as corn, peas, tomatoes, diced carrots and beets.

In some areas, these lines are selling as much as 10 per cent cheaper than a year ago. Some brands of tomato juice, for instance, are now selling at two cans for 29 cents as compared to last year's price of 25 cents for a single can.

### THAWING MEATS

The increasing use of prepackaged frozen meats in self-service markets raises the question of whether cuts should be thawed before cooking.

The question is really one of convenience because it makes no difference in taste or food value whether they are thawed before or during cooking. Thawing a roast before cooking takes about 24 hours in the refrigerator, but this may be most convenient if you buy a day ahead anyway. If it is inconvenient to do this, remember to allow longer cooking for unthawed meats. Frozen roasts take twice as long to cook rare; three times the time of fresh or thawed roasts to cook well-done. Incidentally, it's a good idea to ask before leaving the store whether or not a packaged roast is frozen. It is often difficult to judge from appearance if the outside has begun to thaw.

Some meats, such as cut-up stew meat or ground meat may have to be thawed to be seasoned and separated for cooking. Let such meat thaw in its freezer wrap to prevent drying by evaporation.

### TOUCH TESTS

A good cook has the proper touch—and uses it. For instance, touch a cake lightly to see whether it's cooked thoroughly. If the imprint

springs back, it's ready to eat—if the imprint remains, bake it a few minutes more.

With meringues, rub a bit between your fingers to see if the sugar is dissolved. If it doesn't feel grainy, it's ready for baking.

### HOUSEHOLD HINT

To keep insects away from garbage cans in hot weather, sprinkle the inside of the can with moth-crystals.

### UNION PROTECTION

The reputation of an insurance firm alone is no guarantee that your insurance policy is the one best fitted to your family's need for protection. Members of the AFL Insurance Agents International Union give you sound and impartial advice on the best insurance investment. Get full value from your insurance dollar. Look for the IAIU lapel button or ask for the insurance agent's union card before you buy insurance.

## Glaziers Prepare For Negotiations

The Glaziers & Glassworkers are preparing for their area-wide negotiations.

A meeting of the negotiating committees of San Francisco Local 718, Oakland Local 169, and San Jose Local 1261, which share the jurisdiction in the Northern California counties, will be held in San Francisco Monday night, May 17, to polish up the union proposals and complete preparations for the talks.



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# Labor News

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1954

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Saw this somewhere and thought you might like it:  
There was an old lady of Wooster,  
Who was often annoyed by a rooster;  
She cut off his head  
Until he was dead,  
And now he don't crow like he useter.

Have you ever heard the present administration state its position in regard labor unions? Senator Alexander Smith, a New Jersey republican and chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, said the other day that "it's the government's responsibility to protect workers against unions." Read that quote again! Boy, did this country ever get a change!

Wonderful guy in San Jose is getting some of the acclaim due him. Andy Smith is 88 now and is the oldest active delegate in the Building Trades Council in Santa Clara County, a delegate from the Millmen's Union. For many many years he has been a loyal delegate and active trade unionist. They give gold watches to some people—and Andy deserves the whole darned jewelry store!

Another novelist in our local union ranks. Marvin L. York, a member of San Jose Bartenders Union 577, has written a book about the oil fields, the book entitled "Come Hell or High Water." York is a veteran Navy man who has worked in steel mills, in oil fields, on ranches and behind bars. Haven't read the book, but understand it is excellent. Some time ago, Fred Harris, a Millbrae painter (member of San Mateo Local 913, issued a novel about sailing ships, entitled "All's Well," for which he has received high acclaim.

Spankin' shiny new quarters for Monterey Bartenders and Culinary union now! The address is 338 Calle Principal. It's a ground floor location—after 20 years "up two flights." Big meeting hall which the union itself, and the labor council and maybe other organizations will use. Remarkable what a clean, airy office can do to the morale of a union. Right now this union could almost tackle McCarthy.

Hear that the Wrigley plant in Santa Cruz will be in operation in a few months and that the Teamsters are dickering for an all-inclusive contract. No confirmation.

Tiny Small, district vice president for the State Federation, is due back this week from Cincinnati, Ohio. He was called there by his international union (culinary-bartenders) as a special auditor. Nice honor for the area, and a nice trip for Bro. Small.

Vacation time is coming, but we're not too excited. The boss tells us when we can go, the wife tells us where we can go, and the

## Get Duplicate Social Security Card If Needed

Look now for your Social Security Account Number Card. If you can't find it and intend looking for a job during the summer vacation season, apply at once for a duplicate Account Number Card so that you will not miss out on any opportunity to land a job, so says John J. Cassidy, manager of the San Jose Social Security Office.

He directs these remarks especially to high school students and other students who intend to seek employment during the vacation period.

Nearly every job is now covered by the provisions of the Social Security Law, and every employer is required by law to ask to see the Account Number Card of every individual who is hired. The employer copies the name and number from your card, and any wages you may earn are then credited to your account. If the account number is incorrect, then it is not possible to have the wages credited to the proper account, and the individual may at a later date be denied unemployment compensation payments or Old-Age and Survivors Insurance payments from the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance.

Cassidy directs further a word of caution in any girls who have married since they received their Social Security Account Number Card. It is important said Cassidy, that these women who have married apply for a new Account Number Card. The new card will be the name of the newly married person, but the account number will be the same. In fact, said Cassidy, the original account number issued to any individual is the only number that will or should be used by anyone.

## POWER LOBBY IS ATTACKED

Senator Warren Magnuson (D., Wash.) charged that the "private power lobby" has launched a campaign of "vilification" against public power customers at the expense of its own customers.

Magnuson told the annual convention of the American Public Power Assn. that the electric companies' advertising and public information programs "represent a nationwide effort to poison the minds of the people" against public power projects.

"This program of vilification is financed by contributions of the private power companies across the country," Magnuson said. "The program is paid for by dollars collected from customers of these companies. It is directed at the rate payers themselves."

The Senator said public power projects have provided the only competition most private power companies have, and have succeeded in lowering costs throughout the industry.

finance company tells us how much we can spend! Ho hum!

## Monterey Butcher Gets 30-Year Pin

Members of Butchers Union 506 at their Monterey branch meeting last week paid special honors to Frank Bruno, veteran member and former officer.

Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of Local 506, presented a gold membership pin to Bruno in recognition of the latter's 30 years of activity in Local 506.

Bruno was secretary of the Monterey area group for nearly 10 years, starting late in the 1920s. He is widely known and has been active throughout his 30 years in the union.

## Unionists Back School Candidate

S. ("Buster") Sollecito, Monterey business man who is running for election to the elementary and high school boards of trustees in Monterey in this Friday's school elections, has won support of several Monterey union officials.

Friends of the candidate report that John Grisin, business agent of Plumbers Union 62; John Crivello, of the Fishermen's Union, and Lester A. Caveny, of the Fish Cannery Workers Union, have been assisting Sollecito in his campaign. No official announcement of support was forthcoming, however.

## Barbers Meet

Regular meeting of Barbers Union 827 of Salinas was scheduled for Tuesday night of this week at the Labor Temple, with important business matters including discussion of the union's sponsorship of a Little League baseball team, according to Jimmie Butler, union secretary.



Mrs. Margaret Thornburgh is the new director of the women's division of Labor's League for Political Education. Mother of two children, Mrs. Thornburgh will work toward making the league program more of a family affair rather than one just for AFL members alone. She has been prominent in labor and civic affairs in her home town of Okmulgee, Okla.

## RAILROAD EARNINGS IN SHARP DECLINE

Major railroads earned less than half as much during the first three months of this year as they did during the same period of last year, the Association of American Railroads reported.

It said net income of railroads doing more than \$1 million business annually totaled \$88 million during the first quarter of 1954 contrasted to \$185 million in the same 1953 quarter. Operating revenues declined 12 per cent, while operating expenses dropped 9 per cent.

Attend! Take part!

## Butchers Send Two Delegates To Chicago Meet

Two representatives of Butchers Union 506 will attend next week's general annual conference of the international union in Chicago.

Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary, and E. L. Courtright, business agent, will be delegates from Local 506 to the meetings, which will be held in the Sherman Hotel. They were to leave on Friday of this week and are due back about June 1.

## Union Officials At Camp Leggett

Officials of building crafts in the Salinas area traveled to Camp Hunter Leggett last Thursday to check on building activities there.

Making the trip were Dial H. Miles, secretary of the county Building Trades Council; John F. Mattos, business agent of Laborers Union 272, and Buck Hope, business representative of Engineers Local 3.

## Eagles Convene

About 50 representatives of Eagles lodges from Watsonville, Monterey, King City and Gilroy gathered in Salinas last week for a district meeting, according to Jimmie Butler, secretary of the Salinas Eagles Lodge and also of Barbers Union 827. The Salinas group meets next, Tuesday and will have a big party for new officers on June 8, Butler said.

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## TO STUDY OLDER WORKERS

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell has announced the appointment of a departmental committee to study the specific problems of older workers.

Mitchell said he wanted the committee to "round up what is being done in connection with the problem of the older worker, study it, and suggest what ought to be done."

"The older worker," he said, "is a primary labor resource of this country, and in terms of world competition, both in peace and war, the limited size of our labor resource is our weakest point. The development of our capabilities in this connection to the maximum is an economic problem and a military problem of the highest magnitude. It is truly a national security problem. We have got to help all of our people develop all of their skills to make up for the limitations in numbers of our workers."